(Rs. in crores)

Scheme	IX Plan	X Plan (Allocation)
Project Tiger	80.84	150.00
Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	82.67	350.00

Apart from regular monitoring the progress of implementation is periodically reviewed with the State Government officials at the highest level in the Ministry.

Havoc by black deers in M.P.

1117. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the havoc caused by black deers in the Shivpuri District of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) whether Government have surveyed the losses suffered by the farmers due to the damage caused to wheat, rice and Soyabean crops, and to the human lives; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to compensate the farmers for the losses; and

(d) the steps taken to contain the menace of the black deers?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) There are reports that Blackbucks are causing some damage to agricultural crops in pockets around Karera Wildlife Sanctuary in Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Government have not surveyed the losses suffered by the farmers due to damage caused to the crops. However, according to rough estimates the damage is not on a large scale. Damage to human lives by Blackbucks has not been reported in this area.

(c) and (d) Central Government provides technical and financial assistance to the State Govetrnments for management of National Parks and Sanctuaries. Based on the proposals submitted by the State Governments funds are provided to implement the measures necessary to mitigate man-animal conflicts. Ecodevelopment is one such approach that is effectively used to address the damage caused by the wild animals.

Stealing of trees from reserve forests in Orissa

1118. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government and the Orissa Govertnment are aware that huge quantities of trees are being stolen every day from Similipal, Satkosia, Sunabeda, Hemgiree, Chandaka, Malyagiri, Anantpura and Ranjagol Reserve Forests and other Forests of Orissa; and

(b) if so, what tangible steps are being taken by both the State Government and the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, as reported by the Government of Orissa, sporadic instances of illicit felling have been occurring in general in certain forest areas in Orissa.

The State Government has taken measures such as frequent and intensified patrolling by the forest and the police officials, establishment of forest check posts at strategic points, deployment of staff in sensitive areas and setting up of Joint Forest Management Committees involving local people etc. Financial assistance is being provided by the Central Government for the protection of the forest and wild-life.

Problems of Food Processing Industries

1119. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from various associations of Food Processing Industries, detailing their problems which were inhibiting their growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to solve their problem and difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing industries has been interacting with the industry associations on a regular basis. The constraints faced by the food processing industries include lack of infrastructural facilities, low margins, seasonality, high perishability, multiplicity of laws, tax structure, market development, high cost of packaging, etc.

To address the problems faced by the industry with regard to multiplicity of laws, regulatory authorities and standards, Government has constituted a Group